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October 23, 1838.—William Yarrell, Esq., in the Chair.

A letter was read from M. Julien Desjardins, Secretary of the Natural History Society of the Mauritius, stating that it was his intention to leave that island on the 1st of January next, for England, with a large collection of objects in natural history, many of which he intended for the Society. A letter from Colonel P. Campbell, Her Majesty's Consul General and Agent at Alexandria, was also read. In this letter Col. P. Campbell states that he had not yet succeeded in gaining any further information respecting the probability of procuring some White Elephants for the menagerie. A letter received from Lieut.-Colonel Doherty, Governor of Sierra Leone, stated, that he was using every exertion to procure for the Society a male and female Chimpanzee, in which attempt he fully expected to be successful; but he feared that he should not be able to obtain a living specimen of the Hippopotamus, from the superstitious dread with which the natives regard these animals.

Some specimens of Flying Lemurs (*Galeopithecus*) were upon the table, and in reference to them Mr. Waterhouse stated that his object in bringing them before the Meeting was to notice certain characters which appeared to him to indicate the existence of two species in these specimens. He remarked that in systematic works three species of the genus *Galeopithecus* are described, founded upon differences of size and colour; as regards the latter character, he had never seen two specimens which precisely agreed; and with respect to size, the dimensions given of two out of the three species are evidently taken from extremely young animals. Mr. Waterhouse then proceeded to point out the distinctive characters of the two species on the table, for which he proposed the specific names of *Temminckii* and *Phillippinensis*; of these two the first is the larger species, measuring about two feet in total length, and having a skull two inches